Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (cancelled)

15. (new) A method for handling messages transmitted between communication terminals via a wireless network comprising:

generating a compound message including a text part and at least one graphical icon part, the compound message generation including reading a user inputted text part and converting the inputted text part into a predefined message text format, adding a graphical part to the message, the graphical part including a record for each of the at least one graphical icon part in a graphical format, and adding position information in the message defining a position of the at least one graphical icon part in the text part; and

transmitting of the message via the wireless network.

16. (new) A communication terminal for handling messages and comprising:

a controller, a transceiver for communicating with a wireless communication network, and a user interface through which the user operates the terminal, the user interface including a display message editor application allowing the user to generate a compound message including a text part and at least one graphical icon part; and wherein

the controller generates the compound message for being transmitted via the transceiver including a text part in a predefined message text character format, a graphical part including a record for each of the at least one graphical icon part in a graphical format, and information in the message defining a position of the at least one graphical icon part in the text part.

17. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 16, wherein the message generated by the controller includes a header part including the position information.

18. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 17, wherein the header part of the message furthermore includes information about graphics size.

19. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 16, wherein the message editor application allows the user to copy a pre-stored graphical icon from a memory associated with the controller and containing a plurality of clip art graphical icons.

20. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 16, comprising a message reader application for automatically converting a received compound message into a displayable format based on the text part and the at least one graphical icon part.

21. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 19, wherein the message reader application includes means for allowing the user to store the at least one graphical part in the memory associated with the controller and containing a plurality of graphical icons.

22. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 16, wherein the message editor application allows the user to manually generate a graphical icon on the display by selectively marking dots in an icon matrix.

23. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 22, wherein the message editor application allows the user to store a manually entered graphical icon in the memory associated with the controller and containing a plurality of graphical icons.

24. (new) A communication terminal claim 16, wherein the message editor application allows the user to input a plurality of graphical parts in the graphical part of the message and information in the message to display the plurality of graphical parts as an animation sequence.

25. (new) A message format including a text part and at least one graphical icon part, comprising:

a text part in a predefined message text character format;

a graphical part including a record for each of the at least one graphical icon part in a graphical format; and

information in the message defining a position of the at least one graphical icon part in the text part.

26. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 17, wherein the message editor application allows the user to copy a pre-stored graphical icon from a memory associated with the controller and containing a plurality of clip art graphical icons.

27. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 18, wherein the message editor application allows the user to copy a pre-stored graphical icon from a memory associated with the controller and containing a plurality of clip art graphical icons.

28. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 17 comprising:

a header part of the message including information about graphics size

29. (new) A method for handling messages transmitted between communication terminals via a wireless network comprising:

generating a compound message including a text part and at least one graphical part, the compound message generation including reading a user inputted text part and converting the inputted text part into a predefined message text format, adding a graphical part to the message, the graphical

part including a record for each of the at least one graphical part in a graphical format, and adding position information in the message defining a position of the at least one graphical part in the text part; and

transmitting of the message via the wireless network.

30. (new) A communication terminal for handling messages and comprising:

a controller, a transceiver for communicating with a wireless communication network, and a user interface through which the user operates the terminal, the user interface including a display message editor application allowing the user to generate a compound message including a text part and at least one graphical part; and wherein

the controller generates the compound message for being transmitted via the transceiver including a text part in a predefined message text character format, a graphical part including a record for each of the at least one graphical part in a graphical format, and information in the message defining a position of the at least one graphical icon part in the text part.

31. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 30, wherein the message generated by the controller includes a header part including the position information.

32. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 31, wherein the header part of the message furthermore includes information about graphics size.

33. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 30, wherein the message editor application allows the user to copy a pre-stored graphical icon from a memory associated with the controller and containing a plurality of clip art graphical icons.

34. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 30, comprising a message reader application for automatically converting a received compound message into a displayable format based on the text part and the at least one graphical icon part.

35. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 30, wherein the message reader application includes means for allowing the user to store the at least one graphical part in the memory associated with the controller and containing a plurality of graphical parts.

36. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 30, wherein the message editor application allows the user to manually generate a graphical part on the display by selectively marking dots in a matrix.

37. (new) A communication terminal according to claim 36, wherein the message editor application allows the user to store a manually entered graphical icon in the memory associated with the controller and containing a plurality of graphical icons.

38. (new) A communication terminal claim 30, wherein the message editor application allows the user to input a plurality of graphical parts in the graphical part of the message and information in the message to display the plurality of graphical parts as an animation sequence.

39. (new) A message format including a text part and at least one graphical part, comprising:

a text part in a predefined message text character format;

a graphical part including a record for each of the at least one graphical part in a graphical format; and

information in the message defining a position of the at least one graphical part in the text part.